

The State of New Hampshire

Department of Environmental Services



Michael P. Nolin Commissioner

August 31, 2005

Richard Drowne Mill Pine Village, LLC PO Box 113 Sandown, NH 03873 **LETTER OF DEFICIENCY# WSEB 05-146**CERTIFIED MAIL# 7099 3400 0003 0691 2434

Subject: Sandown - Public Water System: Mill Pine Village (EPA# 2082070)

Dear Mr. Drowne:

The records of the Department of Environmental Services (DES) show that the Mill Pine Village water system is classified as a public water system (PWS), as defined by RSA 485:1-a. A PWS is defined as any water system serving 15 or more services, or 25 or more people for 60 days or more a year.

RSA 485:8, II prohibits the addition of a source to a public water system without approval by DES. By letter dated October 23, 2002, DES gave conditional approval for 'new' bedrock wells #1 and #2. The approval letter stated that the maximum total withdrawal from both wells could not exceed 57,600 gallons in any 24-hour period. DES tracks the maximum withdrawal amounts through its Water Use Registration Program. This program requires water systems using more than 20,000 gallons per day to register and report their water use. DES records show that the Mill Pine Village water system has at least 38 service connections.

On May 17, 2005, DES sent you a letter that indicated the referenced water system had not registered its water use with DES. The letter requested that within 30 days the system either provide meter reading indicating that the system did not use more than 20,000 gallons per day, or register the water system with the Water Use Registration Program. To date, DES has not received a response to the May 17, 2005 letter.

DES believes this deficiency can be corrected by completing one of the following two actions:

- 1. **By September 30, 2005,** provide DES with meter readings that show the water system does not currently use more than 20,000 gallons per day when averaged over a 7-day period; <u>or</u>
- 2. **By September 30, 2005**, register your water system with the Water Use Registration Program. Please contact Deb McDonnell at (603) 271-4086 or by e-mail at *dmcdonnell@des.state.nh.us* for information on how to register this source and what water use information must be supplied. Additional information is available online at http://www.des.state.nh.us/factsheets/geo/geo-4.htm.

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Please advise <u>both</u> Diana Morgan (by email at *dmorgan@des.state.nh.us* or by phone at (603) 271-2947) <u>and</u> Deb McDonnell (using the contact information listed in option #2, above) as to which option you will be taking.

In the event compliance is not achieved within this time period, DES may take further enforcement action, including issuing an order requiring the deficiencies to be corrected, initiating an administrative fine proceeding, and/or referring the matter to the NH Department of Justice for imposition of appropriate penalties.

Please contact Diana Morgan by the means noted above, if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Sarah Pillsbury, P.G., Administrator Water Supply Engineering Bureau

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cc:

Gretchen R. Hamel, DES Legal Unit Administrator Diane Morgan, DES Deb McDonnell, DES Christopher Countie, Primary Operator EPA, Region 1